

# THE LOST WORLD

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## CHAPTER XVIII.

"Those Were the Real Conquests."

It may seem to you rash that even for so short a distance I should quit the shelter of our friendly thicket, but you will remember that we were many miles from any town, that so far as we knew the creatures had not discovered our retreat and that in any case with a rifle in my hands I had no fear of them. I had not yet learned their cunning or their strength.

I could hear the murmur of our brook somewhere ahead of me, but there was a tangle of trees and brushwood between me and it. I was making my way through this at a point which was just out of sight of my companions, when, under one of the trees, I noticed something red huddled among the bushes. As I approached it I was shocked to see that it was the dead body of the missing Indian. He lay upon his side, his limbs drawn up and his head screwed round at a most unnatural angle, so that he seemed to be looking straight over his own shoulder. I gave a cry to warn my friends that something was amiss, and, running



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forward, I stooped over the body. Surely my guardian angel was very near me then, for some instinct of fear it may have been some faint rustle of leaves made me glance upward. Out of the thick green foliage which hung low over my head two long, muscular arms covered with reddish hair were slowly descending. Another instant and the great, steady hands would have been round my throat. I sprang backward, but, quick as I was, those hands were quicker still. Through my sudden spring they missed a fatal grip, but one of them caught the back of my neck and the other my face. I threw my hands up to protect my throat, and the next moment the huge paw had slid down my face and closed over them. I was lifted from the ground, and I felt an intolerable pressure forcing my head back and back until the strain upon the cervical spine was more than I could bear. My senses swam, but I still tore at the hand and forced it out from my chin. Looking up I saw a frightful face with cold, inexorable light blue eyes looking down into mine. There was something hypnotic in those terrible eyes. I could struggle no longer. As the creature felt me grow limp in his grasp two white canines gleamed for a moment at each side of the vile mouth, and the grip tightened still more upon my chin, forcing it always upward and back. A thin, oval tinted mask formed before my eyes and little silvery bells tinkled in my ears. Dully and far off I heard the crack of a rifle and was feebly aware of the shock as I was dropped to the earth, where I lay without sense or motion.

I awoke to find myself on my back upon the grass in our lake within the thicket. Some one had brought the water from the brook, and Lord John was sprinkling my head with it, while Challenger and Summerlee were propping me up, with concern in their faces. For a moment I had a glimpse of the human spirits behind their scowling masks. It was really shock rather than my injury which had prostrated me, and in half an hour, in spite of aching head and stiff neck, I was sitting up and ready for anything.

"But you had the escape of your life, young fellow my lad," said Lord John. "When I heard your cry and ran forward and saw your head twisted half off and your stomachs kicking in the air I thought we were one short. I missed the beast in my flurry, but he dropped you all right and was off like a streak. By George! I wish I had fifty men with rifles. I'd clear out the whole infernal gang of them and leave this country a bit cleaner than we found it."

## Free with Purchases Over \$2.00

Any day from Thursday, September 28, to Saturday, October 7, customers buying over \$2.00 anywhere in the store may choose, free, any of the following Anniversary Sale presents: and there are others.



A Richly Decorated China Salad Bowl



Pure Aluminum Pudding Pans

A Beautifully Polished Pure Aluminum Flour Dredge—an ornament to any kitchen.

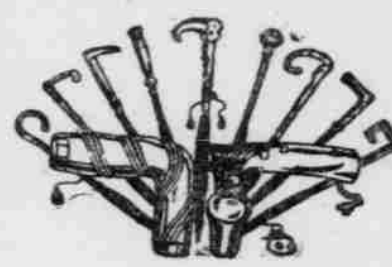


A Pure Aluminum Handled Sauce Pan

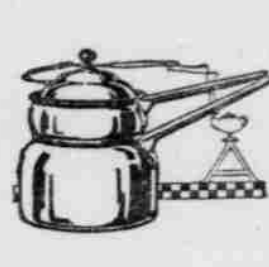
Choice of a Big Variety of Beautiful Framed Pictures.

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Any day from Thursday, September 28, to Saturday, October 7, customers buying over \$7.50 anywhere in the store may choose, free, any of the following Anniversary Sale presents:



Choice of Many Styles, Umbrellas



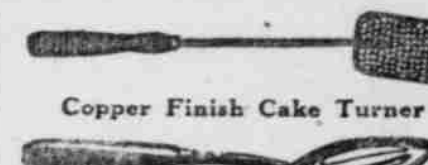
Pure Aluminum Rice or Oatmeal Cooker



A Guaranteed Alarm Clock

## Free with Purchases Over \$5.00

Any day from Thursday, September 28, to Saturday, October 7, customers buying over \$5.00 anywhere in the store may choose, free, any of the following Anniversary Sale presents:



Handled Glass Olive Dish



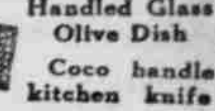
Copper Finish Cake Turner



Slotted Mixing Spoon



Heavy Japanned Dust Pan



Coco handle Kitchen Knife



Glass Measuring Cup



Dover Egg Beater



Asbestos Toaster

To each Customer whose purchase amounts to over \$100.00 during this October Anniversary Sale we will give, on top of the regular Free Presents, an order for Ten Dollars, good anywhere in our store (except groceries) if used within 30 days. Save your checks, bring them in at the end of the sale.

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## DEPARTMENT STORE

## MOLINE ILL.

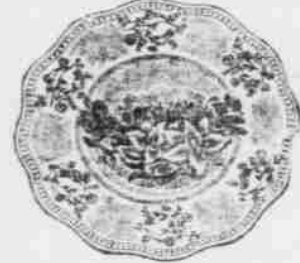
A Stupendous Distribution of Useful and Beautiful Gifts, Free to Every Customer Buying Over 50c Anywhere in Our Store During Our

# ANNUAL OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY SALE

Beginning 10 A. M. Thursday, September 28, and Until Saturday Night, October 7

## Free with Purchases Over \$1.00

Any day from Thursday, September 28, to Saturday, October 7, customers buying over \$1.00 anywhere in our store may choose, free, any of the following Anniversary Sale presents:



Decorated China Plate



Gold Decorated Nut Bowl



Cold Handled Frying Pan



Choice of Styles Glass Flower Baskets



"Near Cut" Glass Mayonnaise Bowl and Ladle



ABC Plate



Syrup Pitcher



Decorated Cup and Saucer



Handled Glass Cruet Set

## Free with Purchases Over \$25

Between Thursday, September 28, and Saturday, October 7, customers buying over \$25.00 anywhere in the store may choose, free, any of the following Anniversary presents:



Best Pure Solid Aluminum Teakettle



Golden Oak Rocking Chair



Parlor Table



Handsome Parlor Rug, 6 ft. by 3 ft.



Solid Oak Sewing Rocker



Handsome Wool Smyrna Rug (reversible)

## On This Page Are Pictured Some of the Presents to Be Given Away, Free, with Purchases Made During This Sale

Something for everybody. A pretty little present for the customer who has only half a dollar to spend; something better for a dollar purchase; more gifts and better ones to pick from for two dollars and so. The more you buy these 9 days, the better your present.

Save your purchase slips day by day, and get what you want when they figure up to the amount. Purchases made any day, beginning Thursday, September 28, will count up to Saturday, October 7.

## Free with Purchases over \$10

Any day from Thursday, September 28, to Saturday, October 7, customers buying over \$10 anywhere in the store may choose, free, any of the following Anniversary Sale presents:



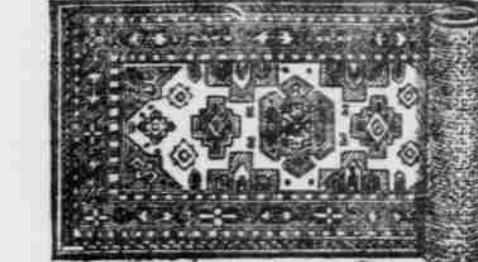
Solid Oak Sewing Rocker



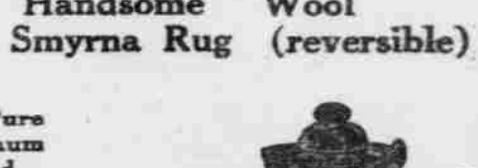
Handsome Wool Smyrna Rug (reversible)



Best Pure Aluminum Covered Berlin Kettle



Best Pure Aluminum Covered Roaster



Pure Aluminum Covered Percolator

## Free with Purchases Over \$5.00

Any day from Thursday, September 28, to Saturday, October 7, customers buying over \$5.00 anywhere in the store may choose, free, any of the following Anniversary Sale presents:



Velvet Carpet covered Hassock



Set of 6 Silver-plated Tea Spoons, like cut



Hit-and-Miss Rag Rug, 54-inch



Solid Aluminum Preserving Kettle



Cupid Pictures, Asleep or Awake

## Free with Purchases Over \$3

Any day from Thursday, September 28, to Saturday, October 7, customers buying over \$3.00 anywhere in the store may choose, free, any of the following Anniversary Sale presents:



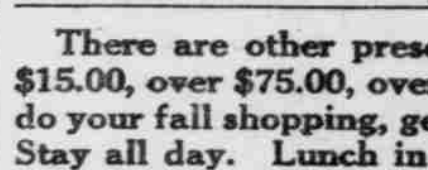
Solid Oak Tabouret, like cut



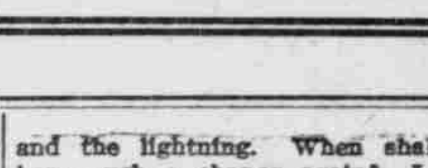
Good Yellow Crockery Mixing Bowl



A Brown Crockery, white lined, fireproof Baking Dish



An Angel's Food Cake Pan



Decorated China Sweet and Cream Set

## This Page Shows Only a Part of the Free Presents We Are Giving Away During This October Anniversary Sale.

There are other presents, free, with purchases over \$15.00, over \$75.00, over \$100.00, and so on. Come in, do your fall shopping, get your share. Come every day. Stay all day. Lunch in our tea room. Try the rocking chairs in the rest room. Make yourself at home.

It was clear now that the ape man had in some way marked us down and that we were watched on every side. We had not so much to fear from them during the day, but they would be very likely to rush us by night, so the sooner we got away from their neighborhood the better. On three sides of us was absolute forest, and there we might find ourselves in an ambush. But on the fourth side—that which sloped down in the direction of the lake—there was only low scrub, with scattered trees and occasional open glades. It was, in fact, the route which I had myself taken in my solitary journey, and it led us straight for the Indian caves. This, then, must for every reason be our road.

It was in the early afternoon that we started upon our journey. One Indian, a chief, walked at our head as guide, but refused indignantly to carry any burden. Behind him came the two surviving Indians with our scanty possessions upon their backs. We four white men walked in the rear with rifles loaded and ready. As we started this broke from the thick silent woods behind us a sudden great agitation of the men, which may have been a cheer of triumph at our departure or a contempt at our flight. Looking back we saw only the dense screen of trees, but that long drawn yell told us how many of our enemies lurked

among them. We saw no sign of pursuit, however, and soon we had got into more open country and beyond their power.

In the late afternoon we reached the margin of the lake, and as we emerged from the bush and saw the sheet of water stretching before us our native friends set up a shrill cry of joy and pointed eagerly in front of them. It was indeed a wonderful sight which lay before us. Sweeping over the grassy surface was a great flotilla of canoes coming straight for the shore upon which we stood. They were some miles off when we first saw them, but they shot forward with great swiftness and were soon so near that the rowers could distinguish our persons. Instantly a thunderous shout of delight burst from them, and we saw them rise from their seats, waving their paddles and spears madly in the air.

Then, bending to their work once more, they flew across the intervening water, beached their boats upon the sloping sand and rushed up to us, prostrating themselves with loud cries of greeting before the young chief. Finally one of them, an elderly man, with a necklace and bracelet of great lustrous glass beads and the skin of some beautiful mottled amber colored animal slung over his shoulders, ran forward and embraced most tenderly the youth

whom we had saved. He then looked at us and asked some questions, after which he stepped up with much dignity and embraced us also each in turn. Then at his order the whole tribe lay down upon the ground before us in homage. Personally I felt shy and uncomfortable at this obsequious adoration, and I read the same feeling in the faces of Roxton and Summerlee, but Challenger expanded like a flower in the sun.

"They may be undeveloped types," said he, stroking his beard and looking round at them, "but their deportment in the presence of their superiors might be a lesson to some of our more advanced Europeans. Strange how correct

## Zemo for Dandruff

You do not want a slow treatment when hair is falling and the dandruff is killing the hair roots. Delay means no hair. Get, at any drug store, a bottle of Zemo for 25c or \$1.00 for extra large size. Use as directed, for it does the work quickly. It kills the dandruff germ, nourishes the hair roots and immediately stops itching scalp. It is sure and safe, is not greasy, is easy to use and will not stain. Soaps and shampoos are harmful, as they contain alkali. The best thing to use is Zemo, for it is pure and also inexpensive. Zemo, Cleveland.

rect are the instincts of the natural man!"

It was clear that the natives had come out upon the warpath, for every man carried his spear—a long bamboo tipped with bone—his bow and arrows and some sort of club or stone battle-axe slung at his side. Their dark, angry glances at the woods from which we had come and the frequent repetition of the word "Doda" made it clear enough that this was a rescue party who had set forth to save or revenge the old chief's son, for such we gathered that the youth must be. A council was now held by the whole tribe squatting in a circle, while we sat near on a slab of basalt and watched their proceedings. Two or three warriors spoke, and finally our young friend made a spirited harangue with such eloquent features and gestures that we could understand it all as clearly as if we had known his language.

"What is the use of returning?" he said. "Sooner or later the thing must be done. Your comrades have been murdered. What if I have returned safe? These others have been done to death. There is no safety for any of us. We are assembled now and ready. Then he pointed to us. "These strange men are our friends. They are great fighters, and they hate the ape men even as we do. They command"—here he pointed up to the

and the lightning. When shall we have such a chance again? Let us go forward and either die now or live for the future in safety. How else shall we go back unashamed to our women?"

The little red warriors hung upon the words of the speaker, and when he had finished they burst into a roar of applause, waving their rude weapons in the air. The old chief stepped forward to us and asked us some questions, pointing at the same time to the woods. Lord John made a sign to him that he should wait for an answer and then he turned to us.

"Well, it's up to you to say what you will do," said he. "For my part I have a score to settle with these monkey folk, and if it ends by wiping them off the face of the earth I don't see that the earth need fret about it. I'm goin' with our little red pals, and I mean to see them through the scrap. What do you say, young fellow?"

"Of course I will come." "And you, Challenger?" "I will assuredly co-operate." "And you, Summerlee?" "We seem to be drifting very far from the object of this expedition, Lord John. I assure you that I little thought when I left my professional chair in London that it would

"To such base uses do we come," said Lord John, smiling. "But we are up against it, so what's the decision?" "It seems a most questionable step," said Summerlee, argumentative to the last, "but if you are all going I hardly see how I can remain behind."

"Then it is settled," said Lord John, and, turning to the chief, he nodded and slipped his rifle.

(Continued next Saturday.)

## STOP CATARRH! OPEN NOSTRILS AND HEAD

Says Cream Applied in Nostrils Relieves Head-Colds at Once.

If your nostrils are clogged and your head is stuffed and you can't breathe freely because of a cold or catarrh, just get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm at any drug store. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic cream into your nostrils, and let it penetrate through every air passage of your head, soothing and healing the inflamed, swollen mucous membrane and you get instant relief.

Ah! how good it feels. Your nostrils are open, your head is clear, and more breathing, such as you need, is now possible.